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*Whereas, On Monday, January 19, 2009, Hallie Bryant was honored by the Harlem Globetrotters and added to the Ring of Legends recognizing his contributions outside basketball and in developing the Globetrotters' brand. Mr. Bryant is only the twenty-eighth person in the Globetrotters' eighty-three year history to receive the distinction;*

*Whereas, The Harlem Globetrotters first attempted to honor Mr. Bryant in 1998, but he respectfully declined recommending his teammate and childhood friend, Willie Gardner. Mr. Gardner was then suffering from diabetes and died of a heart condition two years later;*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant began his basketball career at Indianapolis Crispus Attucks High School where he was named Indiana Mr. Basketball in 1953. He then went on to play for Indiana University and was a member of the Co-Big Ten championship team in 1957;*

*Whereas, Following college graduation Mr. Bryant spent two years in the United States Army where he became a commissioned officer. Upon completion of his military duty,*

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*Mr. Bryant joined the Harlem Globetrotters and stayed for the next twenty-seven years.*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant spent thirteen years as a Globetrotter player and fourteen years in various public relations capacities. With the Globetrotters Mr. Bryant visited almost ninety different countries, but has always found his way back home to Indiana;*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant was inducted into the Indiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1978, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983, and the Indiana University Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998;*

*Whereas, In 2002 Mr. Bryant published his first book, Hallie's Comet: Breaking the CODE, a self-help book aimed towards readers developing harmony for self-mastery based on his experiences as an international basketball diplomat, speaker, and seminar facilitator;*

*Whereas, During the last several years Mr. Bryant has embarked on a career as a motivational speaker and has addressed groups such as General Motors, General Electric, Special Olympics, Eli Lilly, Department of U.S. Customs, and the Association of Government Accountants;*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant has also made several appearances on national television, worked as a sports commentator for CBS-TV, and is now a respected businessman;*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant has been a proud Hoosier for most of his life, moving to Indiana while he was in grade school, and now in his seventies, lives on the near North side of Indianapolis with his partner of more than fifty years, Deloris Hayes;*

*Whereas, Mr. Bryant is dedicated to programs that enrich Indiana communities. He has worked with numerous Indiana institutions through the years including Assistant*



*Coach for Indiana High School Basketball All-Stars, boys basketball camp at Taylor University, Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, and Indiana Juvenile Detention Center; and*

*Whereas, Surviving an impoverished background, Hallie Bryant has gone through life with a resolve and determination to learn and make the best of every situation. He has persevered both on and off the court. His life experiences inspire individuals of all ages through "edutaining" and he is an outstanding role model of Hoosier success; Therefore:*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Hallie  
2 Bryant for the distinguished honor of joining the Harlem Globetrotters  
3 Ring of Legends and for his continued contribution back to the Indiana  
4 community.

5           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
6 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Harlem Globetrotters and to  
7 Hallie Bryant and his partner Deloris Hayes.

